

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1.-11. (Canceled)
12. (Previously Presented) A method for protecting displayed information, comprising the steps of: displaying information on the surface of an outer wall of a cell structure; and subsequently coating a portion surrounding the displayed information with a coating agent to form a region permeated with a coating agent wherein pores of the outer wall are filled with the coating agent in a section of the outer wall on which the information is displayed, so that the region permeated with a coating agent prevents a catalyst solution from exuding from the inside of the outer wall of the cell structure.
13. (Currently Amended) The method for protecting the displayed information according to claim 12, wherein the coating agent contains a ~~fine~~-powder dispersed in a sol form in a liquid.
14. (Currently Amended) The method for protecting the displayed information according to claim 13, wherein a concentration of the ~~fine~~-powder in the coating agent is 50% by weight or less.
15. (Currently Amended) The method for protecting the displayed information according to claim 13, wherein a particle size of the ~~fine~~-powder is in a range of 10 to 30 nm.
16. (Currently Amended) The method for protecting the displayed information according to claim 13, wherein the ~~fine~~-powder comprises at least one ~~or two or more~~ ~~materials~~material selected from a group consisting of silica, alumina, zirconia, and titania.
17. (Previously Presented) The method for protecting the displayed information according to claim 13, wherein the liquid is water or organic solvent.

18. (Currently Amended) The method for protecting the displayed information according to claim 12, wherein the information is displayed in ~~one or two or more~~ at least one display ~~forms~~ form selected from a group consisting of display forms of the information such as characters, barcodes, and two-dimensional codes.

19. (Currently Amended) The method for protecting the displayed information according to claim 12, wherein the information is displayed in at least one ~~or two or more~~ ~~methods~~ method selected from a group consisting of a stamping method, ink jet method, thermal transfer method, and laser baking method.

20. (Previously Presented) The method for protecting the displayed information according to claim 12, wherein the information is displayed in ink.

21. (Currently Amended) The method for protecting the displayed information according to claim 12, wherein the cell structure comprises ~~a~~ at least one ceramic ~~materials~~ material selected from a group consisting of cordierite, alumina, mullite, lithium aluminum silicate, aluminum titanate, titania, zirconia, silicon nitride, aluminum nitride, and silicon carbide ~~or a compound of one or two or more thereof~~ carbide.

22. (Previously Presented) A cell structure, wherein surface information is protected by a method for protecting displayed information, comprising the steps of: displaying information on the surface of an outer wall of a cell structure; and subsequently coating a portion surrounding the displayed information with a coating agent to form a region permeated with a coating agent wherein pores of the outer wall are filled with the coating agent in a section of the outer wall on which the information is displayed, so that the region permeated with a coating agent prevents a catalyst solution from exuding from the inside of the outer wall of the cell structure.